

THE MAIN LINE



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The Main Line is a new periodic newsletter from the Granada Sanitary District (GSD), a public agency serving the Coastside for more than fifty years. The Main Line was created to inform and educate people about events and issues of interest and importance and to share the news of the District with the community.

The Granada Sanitary District and San Mateo County Harbor District Enter into an Agreement for Property Purchase

The Granada Sanitary District has entered into an agreement to purchase property currently owned by the San Mateo County Harbor District, which will be used to build a wet weather flow management project to help prevent sewer overflows during heavy rains.

The property to be purchased, part of the area commonly known as the Burnham Strip, is located in El Granada between Highway 1 and Obispo Road, just south of the El Granada Fire Station. The planned wet weather flow management project is to be funded by the Granada Sanitary District and the Montara Water & Sanitary District, two of the member agencies of the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside (SAM). The City of Half Moon Bay, the third member agency of SAM, has elected to not participate in financing the project.

The project entails the installation of several large, 5' diameter underground storage pipes on the property to act as a flow buffer in times of wet weather. During heavy rains, runoff and rising groundwater enters the sewer system and greatly increases flow to the SAM Intertie Pipeline system and Portola Pump Station. When the SAM system reaches its maximum capacity and can't handle additional flows, sewer overflows occur as a result. The 200,000 gallons of capacity in the underground

storage pipes will serve as a buffer for the system, temporarily filling up as flows exceed the SAM system's maximum capacity, and being fed back into the main system as these peak flows decline. Because the property to be purchased is located adjacent to SAM's pump station, it provides the perfect location on which to install the underground storage pipes. Additionally, the overflow pipes will be buried completely underground, so there will be no visual impact upon residents of the area. The project will also benefit the entire mid-coast by helping prevent sewer overflows from reaching local streams or the ocean.

Several contingencies in the purchase agreement still need to be met before the property can be transferred to the sanitary district, although a mitigated negative declaration for the project has already been approved. Permitting and preliminary design are also underway for the project.

About the District

The Granada Sanitary District is responsible for sanitary sewerage and garbage collection services for approximately 2,500 residences and businesses in the unincorporated areas of El Granada, Miramar, Princeton-by-the-Sea, and a small northern portion of the City of Half Moon Bay. District facilities include approximately 36 miles of sewer

lines and one pumping station (Naples Beach). Sewage is pumped to and treated at the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside's treatment facility, which is jointly owned by GSD, the Montara Water & Sanitary District, and the City of Half Moon Bay. Garbage and recycling services are provided by the Seacoast Disposal Company of Pacifica, under a franchise agreement with GSD.

The district office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and we are available to provide information regarding applications for residential and commercial sewer permits, fees, parcel and property tax information, and general information relating to district services. The office is located on the third floor of the Harbor Vista

Building at 504 Avenue Alhambra, El Granada, one block north of the El Granada Post Office. To reach the District please call (650) 726-7093.

GSD is governed by a locally elected five-member Board of Directors who serve staggered four-year terms. Regular board meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the district office. You will find meeting agendas posted 72 hours before each regular board meeting on the door of the district office, inside the El Granada Post Office, and at the Half Moon Bay Library. All board meetings are open to the public, and are also video-taped for viewing on the first Tuesday following the board meeting on local MCTV Channel 6.

Granada Sanitary District

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Granada Sanitary District (GSD) is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the public sewer system, and curbside garbage and recycling collection. The latter is contracted out to Seacoast Disposal at (650) 355-8400.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Contact the Granada Sanitary District (GSD) at (650) 726-7093, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. or contact the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside (SAM) at (650) 726-0124, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

WHAT IS AN EMERGENCY?

- 1) Sewage backing up into your house (toilet, drains, shower, etc.)
- 2) Sewage leaking from your property line clean out.
- 3) A suspected sewage leak flowing into the street, the gutter, or the storm drain.

“To protect the public health and safety, preserve our natural environment, and maintain fiscal soundness by providing high quality service for wastewater, solid waste collection and recycling through responsible operations and management.”